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In response to the Office action of January 4, 2005 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.